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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Previously Presented) The cannula support as set forth in claim 4, wherein said thread turning in said first direction is an inner thread and said thread turning in said generally opposite

direction is an outer thread.

and

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A cannula system comprising:

a cannula support <u>having a cannula detachably affixed thereto</u>, <u>said cannula support</u> comprising a thread turning in a first direction and another thread turning in a second, generally opposite direction, the cannula support having an outer side and an inside, said threads arranged at least on the outer side of the cannula support;

a protective cap for covering a point of a needle having a thread engageable with said thread turning in said second generally opposite direction.

- 5. (Original) The cannula system as set forth in claim 4, comprising at least one latching element arranged on one of the inside and outside of said cannula support.
- 6. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 5, wherein said protective cap comprises at least one complementary latching element for latching with the latching element of the cannula support.
- 7. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 4, wherein a second protective cap is arranged within said protective cap.
- 8. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 4, comprising an injection device having a thread engageable with said thread turning in the first direction.

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9-26. (Cancelled).

## 27. (New) A cannula system comprising:

a cannula support having a cannula detachably affixed thereto, said cannula support comprising a thread turning in a first direction and another thread turning in a second, generally opposite direction, the cannula support having an outer side and an inside, said thread turning in a first direction arranged on the inside of said cannula support, and said thread turning in a second, generally opposite direction arranged on the outer side of said cannula support;

a protective cap for covering a point of a needle having a thread engageable with said thread turning in said second generally opposite direction; and an injection device having a thread engageable with said thread turning in the first direction, wherein a force required to screw the cannula support onto said injection device is generally smaller than a force required to release the threaded connection between the cannula support and the protective cap.